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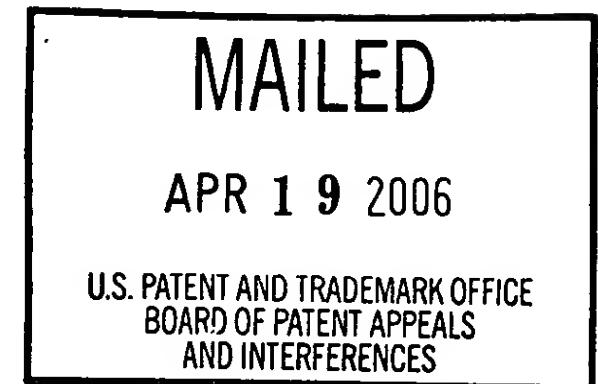
## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

### BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte JOSEPH R. BYRUM,  
YIJUN G. RUAN, and  
KEVIN C. WALLICK

Appeal No. 2006-0233  
Application No. 09/669,817

ON BRIEF



Before FLEMING, Chief Administrative Patent Judge,  
HARKCOM, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge, and  
ADAMS, Administrative Patent Judge.

Per curiam.

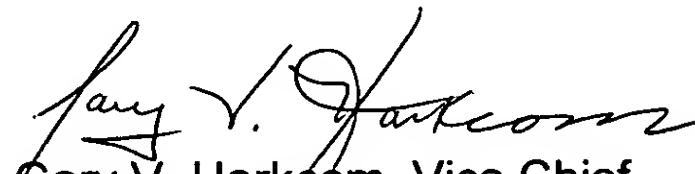
On March 29, 2006, counsel for the appellants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.



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